

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.1053**

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator McConnell PRIMARY CODE CITE: 58-12-5
SUBJECT: Competitive Cable Services Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would preempt any other regulation or franchising of cable services, provide for state-issued certificates of franchise and establish procedures and requirements for franchising cable services.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Secretary of State's Office

The Agency reports estimates they would require 1.00 FTE for an Administrative Assistant at an annual cost to the General Fund of \$24,087 for salary, fringe and other operating expenses. The new position would be used to handle the additional workload from filing the certificates of franchise. The agency reports there will be no impact to Federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Consumer Affairs and Educational Television Commission

The Department indicates there may be some minimal cost that can be absorbed within existing resources. The Educational Television Commission indicates there will be no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

A survey of local governments indicates enactment would have a negative impact on municipal revenues. Of the two municipalities that responded one indicated revenue could decrease by \$34,000 while the other estimated a revenue loss at \$173,900.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Bill authorizes the Secretary of State's Office to establish a fee not to exceed fifty dollars for each application. The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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